

HISTORY OF NHLA

The State of New Hampshire was the first state in the Union to adopt a general library law. On August 16, 1889, when there were 154 libraries in the state, the NH Legislature enacted legislation to establish the New Hampshire Library Association, whose main tenets are:

"...to secure cooperation among the libraries of the state; to improve the methods of managing the same; to render those established more useful as a means of popular education; and to facilitate the collection and exchange of literature relating to the different localities in the state, which is not otherwise readily accessible..."

In 2001 there are 233 libraries in the State, all of which need the NHLA community and its advocacy services. NHLA's primary focus is the support and promotion of NH's libraries.

Topics of discussion in the 19th century included some of the things we're still concerned with today:

- statewide library development
- interlibrary loans
- state and federal funding
- neighborhood meetings and cooperatives
- scholarships
- a strong relationship between the state library and the town libraries

Today the NHLA has added advocacy activities in the areas of:

- intellectual freedom
- censorship
- access to information
- patron privacy
- state and federal legislation

NHLA has been a member of ALA since 1941.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

ANNUAL DUES

(January – December)

- A. Life Member\$ 1000
(Earmarked for F. Mabel Winchell Scholarship Fund)
- B. Corporate..... 100

Library personnel: *(based on salary)*

- C. Above \$50,000 per annum 65
- D. \$35,000 - \$50,000 per annum 50
- E. \$25,000 - \$34,999 per annum 40
- F. \$15,000 - \$24,999 per annum 25
- G. \$5,000 - \$14,999 per annum 15
- H. Under \$5,000 per annum..... 10
- I. Friends, Trustees, students, retired
or unemployed librarians 10

SECTION CHOICES

1. URBANS*\$ 25
2. READS..... 5
3. CHILIS 5
4. Small Libraries..... 0
5. Academic..... 0

**For URBAN consortium members only*

Please include a check for the appropriate amount *(dues plus section dues)*, along with the enclosed form to:

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For more information, visit our website at
<http://webster.state.nh.us/nhla>

Name _____

Preferred Mailing Address 1 _____

Preferred Mailing Address 2 _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Library Affiliation _____

Title/Position: _____

Membership Option _____

Section _____

Email address: _____

(automatically subscribes you to NHLA-L)

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

- A voice in the association
- 4 issues of the NHLA newsletter
- Voting rights
- Eligibility for membership in 5 sections
- Reduced conference & workshop fees
- One-day fall conference
- Continuing education programs
- Staff development programs
- NHLA supports the ALA principles of intellectual freedom
- Members-only email discussion list

F. Mabel Winchell Loan Fund

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Rosalie Norris Scholarship

For more information, please contact:

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